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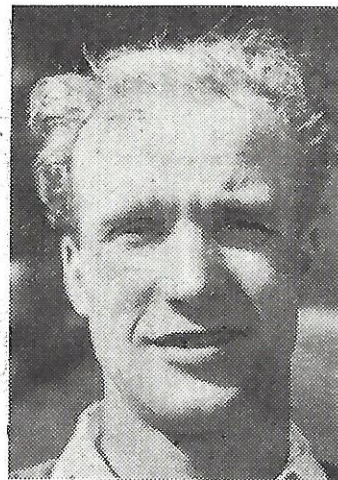
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Editorial

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All else is now subsiding before the rapidly approaching Victorian portion of the English team's tour. The first signs and portents lead us to believe that the tour will be a success. Prophets of gloom, who loudly stated that the tour was doomed to failure because of the enormous cost and counter-attractions, may draw comfort from the truly amazing early figures. Gate receipts at the New South Wales v. England game were £6500. That is proof enough that the public will pay to see a good thing.

At this point, it is pleasing to remember that when the tour was first announced and an A.S.F.A. meeting sat appalled at the secretary's statement that the tour would cost £36,000, it was Victoria in the person of Mr. W. R. Thomas (our deputy chairman), who put heart into the meeting by offering an advance of £1000 cash on the nail. It may be said that Victoria struck the blow that commenced the train of events. Now with Saturday's gate money and £1100 received at the first game at Wollongong, we feel a little happier, for we know that the success of the tour is assured.

A report of the New South Wales game by Tom Jack, and one on the Australia XI v. The Rest, by Eric Heath are on pages 5 and 6. These two lads who went to Sydney to play in the latter game wrote their stories on the plane on the way home, and then went straight to Olympic Park to play in the State trials. We dip our lids to them. Universal opinion in Sydney is that this English team is the finest ever to visit Australia (not excluding the 1925 English "pro" side).

It has been said that a game will not draw at the Sydney Showgrounds if there is a counter-attraction next door at the Sydney cricket-ground. The fallacy of this was proved by the fact that a crack Rugby League game between New South Wales v. Queensland drew an identical gate at the same time at the cricket-ground.

Only two members of the New South Wales team who played last week are included in the side for the First Test at Sydney cricket-ground on May 26. We congratulate Tom Jack on his selection, but we regret that Eric Heath failed to make it. However, there will be more trials for Eric and for Joe Wilson also. Surely there is truth in the old saying, "There are none so blind as those who will not see"—and not a winger north of the Murray by their own admission.

Our two boys and W.R.T. (our Victorian selector—no prizes for guessing whose initials) were in raptures about the football and consider that the Englishmen are so superior that they could have scored more often than the eight times they did. The New South Welshmen, who are usually noted for their speed, were left standing time and again, while "solo" bursts, which one so seldom sees nowadays, were common. So let us save our pennies and make sure that we get to all the three games that the tourists play in Melbourne.

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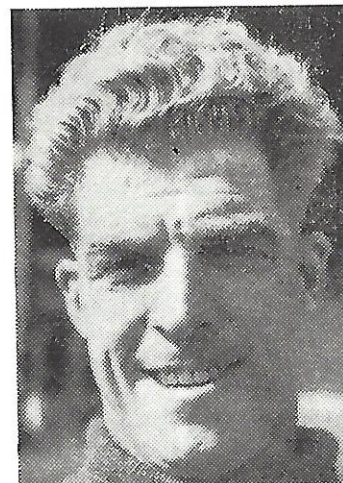
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Sam Bartram

Charlton Athletic and English Tourists

By Rex Benson

Goalkeepers are often called the "Aunt Sallies" of the game. It is surprising the number of long service players who are still top-line keepers. Among the best known is Sam Bartram, of Charlton Athletic, its regular last line of defence for almost twenty years. Most goalkeepers remain one-club men, and rarely figure in inflated transfer deals. That seems all the more strange, as a poor goalkeeper spells defeat right from the kick-off, and can never be carried as a passenger. A slip by a full-back may be covered up by the goalkeeper, but should he make an error, there is only the back of the net to stop the ball.



When one mentions tragic errors in soccer that have lost the game, a case which readily comes to mind is that in which Lewis, the Arsenal goalkeeper, allowed a long shot from a Cardiff half-back to slide from his grasp and over the line in the final of 1927. That single goal took the Cup out of England for the first time. Miskicks by forwards in front of an open goal and rashly conceded penalties are easily forgotten, but blunders by the keeper — oh, dear me, no!

When Bartram first played for Charlton it was just a good third division team. Under the backing of Salmon and Gluckstein promotion was won in 1935, and the record performance of promotion to the First Division achieved the very next year. Its mainstay was a cast-iron defence. Cup Finalists in 1946, Bartram had the horrible experience of watching a harmless shot he had easily covered, diverted into the net by Turner, the Charlton right-half. He rectified his mistake in the next minute by equalising at the other end from a free-kick. Two goals at Wembley in as many minutes from the same player, but under different circumstances, was extraordinary. Extra-time beat Charlton however, Derby County winning 4-1. But the next year Charlton Athletic (nicknamed "the Haddocks") was again at Wembley. Its progress to this Final was marked by the paucity of the goals it had conceded, and this time Sam was unbeaten. The Athletic won by the only goal in extra-time. Something will definitely be missing at the Valley when Bartram decides to hang up his boots, as he has been Charlton's most faithful player.

Possessing a mop of unruly ginger hair, Bartram will prove a favourite with Australian crowds. His keeping is spectacular. One disgruntled fan, watching Sam keep out shot after shot from his team, complained that he should have been named "Barnum," not Bartram. Such suggestions of showmanship are often levelled against players who perform the unexpected with last minute efforts, like Godfrey Evans, the English wicket-keeper. Neil Harvey will concede that he did not miss much!

THE FIRST TEST

The Australian Soccer Football Association announces that the Australian team for the first Test match against England, to be played on May 26 on the Sydney cricket-ground, will be as follows:—

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| | | Conquest (N.S.W.) | | | |
| O'Neill (N.S.W.) | | | | Drummond (N.S.W.) | |
| Lawrie (Q'ld.) | | Jack (Vic.) | | Duff (N.S.W.) | |
| Kemp (N.S.W.) | Russell (N.S.W.) | Nunn (Q'ld.) | Wyld (Q'ld.) | Robertson (N.S.W.) | |
| Reserves:— Lord (N.S.W.), Parkes (N.S.W.), Parsons (N.S.W.), Johns (N.S.W.). | | | | | |

The A.S.F.A. has come to the following agreement with the tourists:

- (1) No objection by the English team to the use of three balls.
- (2) Goal keepers can be changed at any time if injured. Other players injured may be changed in the first half only.
- (3) Replaced player cannot return. The captain shall be the judge of an injured player.

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TREAT IN STORE FOR VICTORIANS

By TOM JACK

After watching England last Saturday pile up 8 goals to 1 by New South Wales, I am persuaded that followers of the game in Victoria are to witness the finest soccer ever played in this State. Every one of the English team is 100 per cent. fit and after two games together look as though they had been playing as a team for years.

The dummying, passing, back-heeling and speed were delights to watch. At no time during the match with New South Wales did a pass go astray. The moving into the open space was exploited to the full, and time and time again the New South Welshmen were left flat-footed.

THE GAME

From the kick-off England went into the attack, and a terrific drive from Smith in the first minute just went past the post. Langdon at outside-left was dazzling the crowd with his ball control and speed. It was only a matter of time before he opened England's account with a powerful left-foot drive from a cross by Hurst (outside-right). The speed of the English attack was demonstrated with the scoring of the second goal. Hurst received a pass on the half-way line and with a delightful solo run he outpaced the opposing side's defence and gave Lord no chance with a fast ground shot. Then came England's only mistake, a misunderstanding between centre-half (Owen) and goal-keeper (G. K. Bartram) which allowed Date to prod the ball home. Further goals by Langdon and Hagan before half-time gave a true indication of the superiority of the English team.

It was obvious at the commencement of the second half that England had sized up New South Wales and proceeded to give the 42,000 spectators a true and grand exhibition of the one and only real football game. The cohesion between the half-backs and forwards was a delight to watch, and also the covering up in defence, where the "third back" was played to perfection. The four goals in this half flattered the home side. I would say that five times the English forwards deliberately refrained from scoring.

The sixth and seventh goals I would like to explain. Intercepting a pass Kieran (right-half) passed to Sewell, who beat his man, beautifully Drew at full-back slipped the ball to Hurst, who made ground very quickly and without taking his eyes off the ball passed to the waiting Sewell. He without hesitation or looking back back-heeled the ball and the on-coming Kieran drove an unsavable shot past Lord from 25 yards.

The seventh was a solo effort, just a delightful piece to watch, by the £43,000 Jack Sewell. Receiving the ball just inside the New South Wales half of the field he with speed and body swerve beat five defenders without altering his course, and ended by beautifully deceiving the New South Wales goal-keeper by sending him and the ball in opposite directions.

REMARKS:

Anyone who misses the English games in Victoria will be sadly neglecting his education.

If the New South Wales selectors consider the eleven men representing the State last Saturday are their best, then the sooner a match between Victoria and New South Wales the better.

Many spectators counted and recounted the English players to see that only the constitutional number was on the field. The using of the open space and interchanging of forwards made it appear that England was fielding about 15 players.

Australian XI v. The Rest

By Eric Heath

This match, the curtain raiser to the New South Wales v. England match, proved to be very scrappy from a player's viewpoint. The spectators said it was a good game to watch. The Australian XI was much stronger than The Rest. The late arrival of three players brought about a 25 minute delay in starting, and this possibly unnerved some of the others.

The game ended in a fine win for the Australian XI. Many chances were missed by both sides. A feature was the fine understanding between the two Queenslanders, Malcolm Wyld at inside-left, and Bunny Nunn at centre-forward.

Wyld who is 19 years of age has the ability to make goals, but also to score them. He scored two, one from each foot. The first, a left foot drive to the roof of the net, was a gem.

Nunn, who scored once, gave Tom Jack his hardest game to date. He can shoot hard and accurately on the turn, a feat seldom seen done in Victoria. He is also accurate with his heading. I have yet to see a better Australian centre-forward. He pulled a muscle towards the end of the game.

Other stars of the contest were Peters, inside-left of N.S.W., who scored two goals and Bob Lawrie whose constructive game at right-half was good. The Australian defence was fairly sound against poor opposition.

More than his fair share of work came to Tom Jack for The Rest at centre-half. Although he has been seen to play much better, he proved to have the ability and experience to recover when beaten or in a dangerous situation. He scored the solitary goal for The Rest with a well-taken penalty which had the experienced Norm Conquest going the wrong way.

I tip young Malcolm Wyld, who was in the Australian team in New Caledonia, to make the finest Test player.

After watching the Australian wingers in this match and in the N.S.W. v. England game, I am convinced that Joe Wilson of Prahran, and McKenzie of Brighton, could give better performances than those in these two contests.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

During the third round Cup-tie between Aldershot and Bristol Rovers. Lambden had the ball in the Aldershot net eight seconds from the kick-off. A record? No. Bobby Langton, of the English touring team, netted for Bolton Wanderers against the Wolves in 1948 within seven seconds of the start of the match. These times were officially recorded by stop-watch.

A bigger crowd to watch an Amateur Soccer match in England than at the Cup Final? Yes! Cup Final tickets are restricted to 100,000, but not so for the Amateur Cup final this season between Pegasus (the Varsity side) and Bishop Auckland. As a result the paid attendance was over the six-figure mark. Pegasus won, so what about the Dockerty Cup, University?

Up and coming South Yarra inside-man, Hirst, has been "out" for two weeks with a blood clot in the leg. The loss of Hirst and Burrows (centre-forward), our with cartilage trouble, have taken much out of the sting from the Yarra attack.

How much did Jackie Sewell of the English tourists. receive from the huge transfer fee paid to Notts County. Whisper it, chaps — nothing but the £10 signing-on fee, which was the same that he received when first joining the County as a raw recruit. Yet he was signed by accident, as the chief scout had been sent to watch another player, and signed Sewell instead.

During a game between two naval teams, a Bristol referee was asked if a player could continue the game in stockinged feet, as his boots had "had it." Permission was granted until opponents complained of scratched legs. The referee examined the offender's toes that were protruding through holes in the stockings, and sent him off, as "his nails were not flush, according to rule." Can Ted Low cap that one?

Moreland defender, Clarke, who played in Adelaide at right-half, is likely to attain the title of Melbourne's most versatile player. Originally playing at right-back in the State trials, Clarke played later at outside-right. Last week he was featured at inside-left. Selectors are fortunate to have such a good sport as Clarke to help them out.

Twenty-first birthday congratulations soon for Roger Johnston, old Melburnians and ex-Australian rules star of Mildura University. Now in his second season of soccer with the University, Roger will soon have to undergo a delicate operation on his shoulder-joint. Here's luck that it will be successful.

Do you glance at the "Little Sport" strip cartoon on the back page of the "Sun"? His activities on the soccer-field have been very humorous lately.

See the neat ties the English tourists will wear when they come to Melbourne. They are emblazoned with miniature shields, on which are embossed the famous three lions. The English cricket team has a similar design.



Hirst of South Yarra



Clarke of Moreland

Publicity and Propaganda

During the last twenty years, the outcry by soccer enthusiasts has been, "Why don't the powers that be do something about publicising the game more in the Press and over the Air?" Although we have not enjoyed the measure of publicity in the press we would like, it is due mainly to the opposition of a major code, the Australian rules. Nevertheless, we have received from the Press at recent times publicity of immense value to our great game.

To overcome the lag in this direction, the association instituted an organ of publicity and propaganda, known to all soccer enthusiasts as "Soccer News."

It cannot be denied that the publication of "Soccer News" is the greatest achievement in soccer history in this State. I have made it my business to show this paper to many personal friends who are officials of other sporting bodies. They were amazed at its contents, and that soccer should be able to sponsor such a publication. That this is a compliment you will agree.

When it is known that the cost of publication of this paper is covered voluntarily by a small band of soccer enthusiasts in their own time, and sometimes at an expense to themselves, it will be seen why clubs and supporters should support these endeavours unsparingly.

SOCCER BROADCASTS

Many headaches and disappointments were experienced in getting soccer on the air back in 1948. However, we got there, if only in a small way, through the courtesy of "The Melbourne Sports Depot." It included soccer in their session "Sports Newsreel," from 3AW. In 1949 and 1950, greater facilities were offered for broadcasting from the same source.

Prior to the opening of the 1951 session, efforts were made to get a sponsor for a regular soccer session. Mr. Clemenger, of that grand firm of Clemenger Advertisers, came to my assistance and eventually secured the "London Stores" to sponsor the session. The session is known as "Soccer Spotlight" and is heard from 3UZ each Saturday morning at 10.15 o'clock, and here again the success of these broadcasts will depend on the utmost co-operation of all concerned. I would appreciate club secretaries forwarding to me a record of their club in brief, and also of players of note, for inclusion in future sessions. "Soccer supporters, we have put forth all this effort for your benefit. You may now well ask, "What can we do for you." You can do just this, buy your "Soccer News" regularly and assist clubs to reduce the very heavy burden placed on them through soaring costs of maintaining teams in the field by subscribing freely and more generously to the collection box. Make it "two bob" at least.

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Thank you, E. H. LOW.

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Geelong United.— Please note that J. O. Elliott has resigned and the new secretary is D. King, 86 Fairview Avenue, Newtown, Geelong, to whom all correspondence should be sent.

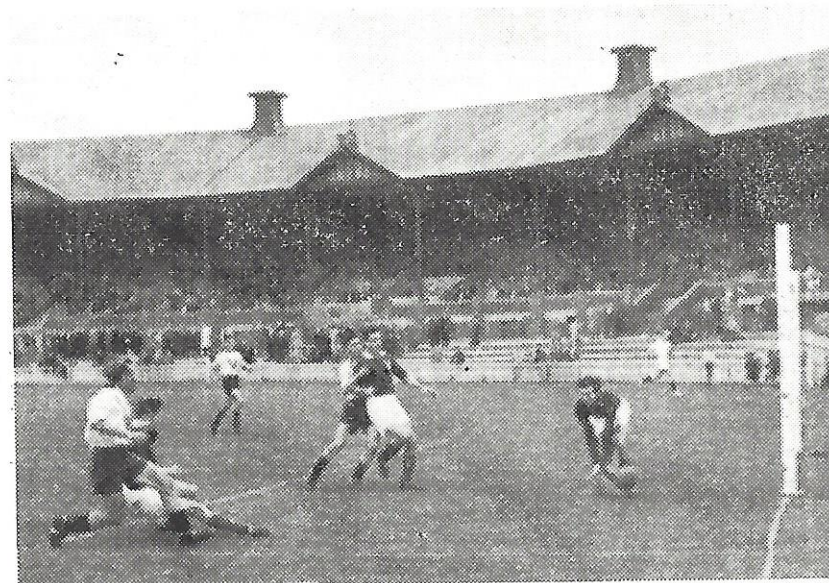
International Harvester S.C.— Please note that J. W. Seatter has resigned and the new secretary is A. W. Dennis, "Alcheringa," 266 Upper Autmun Street, Manifold Heights, Geelong West, to whom all correspondence should be sent.

Soccer Broadcasts.— On Saturday, May 19, I tuned in to Station 3UZ, and heard a broadcast by two Council members, Messrs. Kerr and Low, on Soccer. I can honestly state it was the best broadcast I have heard for a long time. Every Saturday at 10.15 a.m. various personalities in the Soccer world will give their news and views, so please tune in every week. All up-to-date news will be broadcast.

Protests by Clubs.— All clubs are reminded that no protests can be considered by the League Management Committee unless a protest fee is forwarded.

Soccer Reports.— From time to time various articles are written in the daily papers on Soccer. While all clubs and supporters may disagree with the views expressed, it must be remembered that the Press are entitled to give its own opinions on everyday incidents and no recommendations will be given to the Press as to what should be written.

Registration Forms and Team Sheets.— Every club is advised to check their forms very carefully. Certain clubs have been dealt with for incorrect names on team sheets. If a junior player turns out for a senior team, the word junior must be inserted on the team sheet after his name.



An incident in the Victoria-S.A. game at Norwood Oval, Adelaide. Picture shows S.A. in attack with Drummon and White, Victorian backs endeavouring to check Lee and Kerr, S.A. forwards, and Rough (Vic.) runs on to pick up.



Letters To The Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,— On looking through "Soccer News," I find my club, Sunshine United, very much in the news, but nothing to their credit, but the condemned have always the right to reply. First, non-attendance at Queen Carnival meetings—would it not be possible to receive notice of these meetings earlier? Up to the present, two days' notice is all we have had. Secondly, no coach for the under 19 team—this side dismissed their coach without being able to replace him, in spite of the advice of the management committee.

I think the "Soccer News" is much improved this season. — Yours etc., W. (Bill) BOWMAN.

Sir,— I would like to appeal to all soccer enthusiasts to give their utmost support to Mr. Ted Low in our Soccer broadcasts. After being on the air with Mr. Low, I realise the tremendous job he is doing. Unfortunately, he was let down by one who stated definitely he would be there. This is not good enough, because the form of broadcast had been prepared, necessitating alteration as he went on the air.

When Mr. Low contacts clubs or individuals, please get him the information required, and even go out of your way to get it to him. This will make for smoother broadcasting, and not cause Ted the worry associated with the unreliability of any people associated with soccer. —Yours, etc., A. KERR, hon. treasurer, V.A.S.F.A.

Sir,— With the arrival of many New Australians, the international game of soccer is fast becoming the favourite game with many here. Every week the crowds of spectators becomes greater, and why not? Australia has proved herself in every field of sport. Top honours are with us in cricket, tennis, swimming and athletics. So why not soccer?

Australia is now in the position to mould together a team that will hold its own against the world's best.

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This year, an English team of top-ranking professionals is in Australia. I am afraid they may make a sorry sight of us. But the experience and insight into how the game is played overseas will be beneficial. So come, one and all, get behind the local clubs, support them, and maybe at the 1956 Olympic Games you will be cheering the successes of our own boys. —Yours, etc., E. PEARCE.

[Pools have been looked into, and we regret they are illegal in Australia. —ED.]

Sir,— My club has instructed me to direct attention to two clubs sending to "Soccer News" reports of one match. As space in the paper is short, it is suggested that the home club's report only should be published. —Yours, etc., FRANK McIVER, Hon. Sec., Moorabbin City.

Sir,— The Macedonian Soccer Club wishes to apologise to the R.A.A.F. for not turning up at Pt. Cook. The carrier engaged changed his mind as he had a bigger job to do, and there was no way of notifying the players to go by train. The boys were to report at 1 o'clock, the time we were scheduled to leave. Yours etc., D. ELLIS. Hon. Sec. Macedonians S.C.

Club Jottings

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NOTICE

Clubs are requested to cut down their notes to a minimum until after the English tour, so that space may be available for last minute news from the tourists.—EDITOR.

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FRANKSTON

Frankston received Maccabi as visitors last Saturday. Although we hoped to avenge the defeat of the first match of the season we had to be satisfied to share points.

The game was played at a fast pace and I feel sure all spectators went away well content with what they saw.

The score was one goal each. Both were scored in the second half. Our goal was scored by C. Davenport, who, receiving the ball from P. Ims, gave the goalie no chance with a shot from close range. On the run of the play we should have won by three clear goals but for wild shooting, plus a missed penalty.

During the interval I heard a spectator say that this game will put Aussie Rules off the map in this town. Let's hope that he is partly right. I can assure "Soccer News" that we are getting more support at each home match we play. Our manager gave us all a surprise when he handed out the first edition of the "FRANKSTON WEEKLY SOCCER NEWS." He had told nobody of his plans. It will be improved as weeks go by, so thanks a lot "Nick."

Frankston has now taken out a "fracture policy" for a number of their players, so you can see that we have the right idea down on the Peninsula. —P. IMS, Hon. Sec., Frankston Soccer Club.

P.S. I am enclosing a copy of our "Soccer Newsheet" and trust that it will interest you.

[Many thanks for your excellent little sheet. Glad to see such keen club spirit. ED.]

JUVENTUS

In perfect weather, a large crowd at Albert Park saw Juventus narrowly defeat South Melbourne on Saturday. The play was ragged and on rare occasions was football played as it should be.

Juventus opened the first half with two good goals and afterwards a stalemate set in. The ensuing play was without purpose, and many perfect scoring opportunities were muffed. No doubt, South Melbourne was much stronger than Juventus had expected, and the speedy wings often had the Juventus backs worried.

With only 15 minutes of play, the Southerners made a lightning dash down the right wing, and a hard drive went through to the nets. The rest of the time was mostly spent in kicking the ball out of play and seeing which of the Juventus forwards could be caught offside the most.

If players are to do justice to their side, it is their duty to mind the man. A player wandering up and down the field by himself can do untold damage to the opposite side's system of playing.

Good luck South. I don't know how you happen to have only 4 points on the ladder. It won't be long before you begin to shift upwards.

Result: South Melbourne, 1; Juventus, 2.

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Orchids on orchids to Mr. V. Hayes, of Preston, for his two heartening lines in last week's "Soccer News" about New Australians and National Teams. National teams, which still suffer at the hands of a prejudiced few, are immeasurably encouraged by this type of publicity — "We are proud and pleased with the fine types of New Australians we meet when playing against these National teams." Thanks again Mr. Hayes.

Rally folks! Everybody, and I mean everybody, is invited to the weekly dance Juventus is having on Friday nights. You'll be sure to have a good time. Bring along a party. Remember, at St. George's Hall, Rathdown Street, Carlton. —E. C. SARTORI.

POLONIA (Reserves)

Our boys probably established a record in Victorian soccer when they scored 21 goals in the game against Olympic last Saturday.

We must admit we never gave proper attention to our reserve players, having had enough good players in the first team. But the results they achieved since they started to play this season speak for themselves. This way we express the best thanks to our boys and assure them that all they have done for our club will never be forgotten. Proper consideration will also be given to them by giving them the chance in the first team when we will be playing against "easier" opponents. We don't like to take a risk of losing our young boys by injuries in the hard games.

The Polonia new ground is situated at Kooyong Park, East Malvern. Take train from Flinders Street (platform 4) to Kooyong Station. Tram No. 8 from city (Swanston Street or Queen's Bridge) to terminus. Tram No. 69 from St. Kilda or Kew to Kooyong Railway Station.

SANDRINGHAM CITY

First team met Sunshine City at Sunshine. At half time the score was 3-3, but in the second half Sandringham outplayed the home team to win 6-3. Scorers for Sandringham were Mastwijk (3), Wilson (2), McQuague (1) and for Sunshine Emblin, Boyes and Dennison.

Reserves played Sunshine City at Olive Street, and won 1-0. The side was strengthened by the re-appearance of Joe Walton who scored the only goal.

The first team was able to field the same eleven for two Saturdays in succession, the first time this season.

We would like to obtain more players for the under 17 team, and ask those who would like to come in to get in contact with Mr. Don Bingham, 80 Sandringham Road. —WILLIAM E. LINDSAY.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

Our game against Juventus was keen and exciting, full of good football and thrilling incidents, with Juventus a shade superior in attacking moves.

After a half-hour of good open play, Juventus scored from a good first time shot close in. It increased this lead to 2-0 at half time. On resuming, Juventus took command of the game but missed many chances and a valiant defence kept them out. Kelly scored the best goal of the day, travelling all through on his own, and putting a low shot in the far corner out of the goalie's reach. South piled on pressure but time was called with all efforts in vain, Juventus winning 2-1. Our Reserves were defeated 6-1 by Juventus. Under 15 lost to Ringwood

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Boys 2-0. Under 14A defeated Box Hill A, 8-0. Dodd (3), Moulten (3), Hocking and Cassar were the goalscorers. Burgess was outstanding at full-back, Cross and Holcroft, in goal played well. Under 14B lost to Coburg, 12-0.

Look out for our next effort in the Queen Carnival. This will be a dance at St. Anselm on June 9. Roll up and support this effort.

SOUTH YARRA

Sunshine attacked but were repulsed, but not before Reynolds had made a couple of brilliant saves. The game was full of excitement, for the ball moved from end to end very rapidly, and each goal was in great danger several times. At last Bolton got away on the left wing, and from his pass Durnian opened the score for South Yarra. Sunshine fighting hard never let up, but the Yarra defence kept the visitors at bay and half time came with the score, South Yarra 1, Sunshine United 0.

Upon resumption, Sunshine United went away and from a grand pass Ramsay headed into the net. Not long after this, Kyle obtained the ball and cutting in from the right wing, beat Reynolds with a great drive, putting Sunshine in the lead. The spectators were on their toes with excitement. Yarra staged an all-cut attack but time after time was repulsed practically from the goal-mouth. Yarra was awarded a penalty, but again failed to convert. Sunshine made several swift raids, but met stiff opposition.

Again Yarra came away and from a pass from Bain, Bolton put Yarra ahead and both teams tried hard for the winning goal. Scores, 2-2.

South Yarra Reserves beat Sunshine United 1-0 after a hard-fought game. Scorer was McMullan.

South Yarra Third Reserves continued undefeated, beating Coburg 4-2. Scorers for South Yarra, Knott and Hawkes.

We regret we are unable to publish BRIGHTON and ULSTERVILLE notes, as their copy arrived too late. EDITOR.

Opportunity To Meet English Team At Dance



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Soccer fans! Here is your opportunity of meeting personally the English Soccer Team.

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Junior Section

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THE COACH SAYS

When Corner Kicking Keep Your Eye on the Ball.

One of the first rules a new player is told when he takes up golf is "keep your head down and your eye on the ball."

This rule also applies to soccer. Never lift your head to see where the ball is going before you have kicked. Look first, then head down, eyes on the ball and keep those eyes there until after you have kicked.

This rule is especially essential when taking a corner kick which is really nothing but making a long lofted pass from a dead ball. The perfect corner kick should have a flight just high enough to clear the heads of the opposition, until it drops at head height opposite the far post just outside the goal area. The reason is firstly, it is easier to head a goal by meeting the ball than by deflecting it, hence opposite the far goal post, and secondly just outside the goal area, because a ball inside the goal area should be the goal-keeper's, because he can reach higher with his hands than your forward can with his head.

Once again, as I said in a previous article, you need "two feet." Have you watched McKenzie, of Brighton, who plays outside left, take a corner kick with his right foot? The reason he does this is by kicking with his right foot from the left wing, he will kick into the field of play with a slight curl towards the goal. The same applies of course to the opposite wing. When a corner kick is taken from the right wing with the right foot, often it will either swing too far away from the goal to be headed into the net, or it goes behind the goal line before swinging back into the penalty area. Result, a wasted effort which ends up with a goal kick to the opposition. There should be no excuse for a winger when taking a corner kick to kick the ball behind goal. Remember, place the ball, look at your field, then head and eyes down and don't be tempted to look up, and you will find the ball will go where you intended it should, and of course, like everything else — "Practice makes perfect."

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Junior Natterings By RECCOS

On my visit to Preston last Saturday, I witnessed the game between Preston and Sandringham City in the Under 19 age group.

It appeared to me that both teams were too eager to control the ball, consequently passing from one player to another was mostly erratic.

This game was played in the orthodox style, with wing-halves marking the opposing wings.

From the commencement, Preston had the advantage of a stronger forward line, and kept the Sandringham defence on its toes most of the time. Unfortunately the ground was very dry, and hard in places, causing the ball to do odd tricks.

For Sandringham, T. Mathers (goal) played excellently. I. Haycroft did a great job at centre-half and C. McColl, a recruit from under 17, gave a nice display at inner-left. Preston has a boy in S. Horabbin (inner-right) to be considered for junior selection. His good football kept the Preston forward line attacking from his passing. A. Peachey played his usual telling game at centre-half, and J. Donker indicated that his handling of the outside-left position must be noted for senior selection. Though 3-0 favoured Preston, it was a hard game throughout.

Preston Club has a library of 55 instruction books on soccer with Mr. J. Lupton assisted by Mr. C. McEwen in charge. Coaches and players may take books on loan, but junior members will be charged threepence or a penny a week according to the cost of the manual.

Junior Section (Continued)

PRESTON

Preston and Northcote Under 17 at Northcote provided an interesting game. The first half was fast and keenly contested. Northcote was always a little ahead and deserved the 1-0 lead at half time. At the interval the flag and cups won by Northcote were handed to the president, Mr. Moody.

Both teams lined up as Mrs. Moody, after giving a nice speech of welcome to the visitors and parents, unfurled the flag. She wished that many more may come this way. The visitors and parents adjourned for afternoon tea while the boys carried on their game. Being a local derby, both sides continued to give a keen exhibition, but Preston could not find the goal. Although defeated 2-0 Preston made amends and easily defeated Northcote at the tea after the match. M. Dwyer was a fine umpire. —V. HAYES.

NORTHCOTE

I understand that the directions to the Northcote ground are not in the Blue Book. Here they are:—

Ground adjacent to Northcote High School, can be reached by tram (East or West Preston or Thornbury), from city or by train — go to the Merri Station, from thence to ground.

Results of last week's games:—

Under 17—v. Preston, won 2-0. Goalkickers: Cousins and Johnson. Best players: Bowman, Johnson, Bretherton.

Under 15 — v. Moreland, won 14-0. Goalkickers: A. Stevenson (7), M. Pepper (4), I. Pepper, Robinson and opponent. Best were Hanson and M. Pepper. —GARTH BUCKNER.

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League Tables As At May 19, 1951

| First Division | | | | | | | | | | | Third Division | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Brighton | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 28 | 7 | 13 | | | | Inter. Harvester | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 7 | 14 | | | |
| Yallourn | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 11 | 12 | | | | Coburg | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 13 | 11 | | | |
| Prahran | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 32 | 17 | 11 | | | | Moorabbin City | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 24 | 19 | 11 | | | |
| Box Hill | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 21 | 10 | | | | White Eagles | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 14 | 9 | | | |
| Sunshine United | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 14 | 9 | | | | Royal Caledonians | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 25 | 8 | | | |
| South Yarra | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 24 | 18 | 7 | | | | Olympic | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 17 | 19 | 6 | | | |
| Park Rangers | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 6 | | | | Williamstown | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 16 | 17 | 4 | | | |
| Sandringham City | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 22 | 6 | | | | Woodlands | 8 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 39 | 1 | | | |
| Footscray City | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 27 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunshine City | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 12 | 45 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Second Division | | | | | | | | | | | Fourth Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| J.U.S.T. | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 10 | 14 | | | | Polonia | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 2 | 16 | | | |
| Juventus | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 30 | 10 | 11 | | | | Slavia | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 15 | 14 | | | |
| Hakoah J.R.C. | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 15 | 11 | | | | Ulsterville | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 31 | 11 | 12 | | | |
| Moreland | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 10 | 11 | | | | Maccabi | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 15 | 7 | | | |
| F.N.D. | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 23 | 9 | | | | Frankston | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 21 | 7 | | | |
| Preston | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 34 | 6 | | | | Heidelberg | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 40 | 2 | | | |
| Eifers | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 19 | 5 | | | | Balwyn, United | 8 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 32 | 1 | | | |
| South Melbourne | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 19 | 4 | | | | Geelong United | 6 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 1 | | | |
| University | 8 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 31 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| George Cross | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 23 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

All results were telephoned on 18/5/51.

We regret that we are unable to publish Reserve and Junior Tables as they have not come to hand.—EDITOR.



STATE SELECTORS

The final State trial game will be played at Campbell reserve, Moreland, on Sunday, May 27, at 3 p.m. Players will assemble at 2.15.

After the game, the team with five reserves, to play England on Wednesday, June 6, will be picked. Any alterations to the side, which may become necessary for the match against England on Saturday, June 9, will be made from the five reserve players in the Wednesday game.

Teams for the State trial are:—

PROBABLES

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|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Heath (Moreland) | | Czauderna (Polonia) | | Drummond (Brighton) | |
| Weatherall (Prahran) | | Jack (Brighton) | | Drennan (Sunshine United) | |
| Wilson (Prahran) | Bambro (Prahran) | Trentini (Juventus) | Zblocki (Polonia) | McKenzie (Brighton) | |
| Tolnay (J.U.S.T.) | (J.U.S.T.) | (Hakoah) | Bell (Yallourn) | Ostlund (Yallourn) | |
| Nolan (Moreland) | | Pechout (J.U.S.T.) | Gilbert (Moreland) | | |
| Clarke (Moreland) | | | Managh (Ulsterville) | | |
| | | Weight | | | |

POSSIBLES

Reserves: Kennedy, (Moreland), Parkhouse, (Sandringham City), Waite (Park Rangers), Biatek (Polonia), Pike (Yallourn), Roubel (J.U.S.T.), Evans (Sunshine United), Drane (Sunshine United). — A. KERR, Chairman State Selectors.